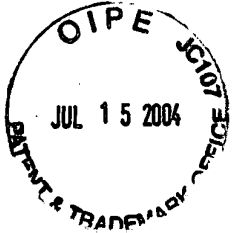


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 16, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.